# Medical Preparedness

# CSEPP MEDICAL BREAK OUT SESSIONS SUMMARY

July 26, 2001



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### Overview

- Review of Breakout Sessions
- Future Activities

- Subjects Determined by Combined Input from Users Survey and Medical Planning Group.
- Five Subjects Addressed in the 3 Breakout Sessions
- Four Presenters from Medical or Disaster Response Organizations outside of CSEPP

#### Georgia HAZMAT Incident

- Highlighted Actual Incidents that Showed Impact on Hospitals Responding to a Variety of Disaster Situations.
- Stressed Need for Planning, Equipment, and Training

#### Casualty Planning

 Outlined Tasks of the Medical Examiners/Coroners Office and Emphasized the Need to Ensure Disaster Response Plans Address its Roles and Responsibilities

- Care of Psychogenic Patients
  - Discussed Recent Exercises and Actual Incidents That Point
     Out the Need to Include Mental Health Professionals in
     Responses Plans
  - Discussed the Need to Learn About the Psychological and Behavioral Consequences of Actual Chemical or Other Disaster Events

- New JCAHO Standards for Hospitals
  - Presented the New JCAHO Standards and Discussed their Implementation in Two CSEPP States
- Panel Discussion on Integrating CSEPP Plans
  - Overcoming Hurdles to Develop Integrated Plans That Address Any Disaster Situation.

# **Future Activities**

- Using the Medical Quality Improvement Teams to Identify and Recommend Solutions to Issues Needed to Improve Medical Response Capability
  - Standardization
  - Communication
  - Training and Exercises
  - Performance Measures
  - Hazard Assessment
  - Protection and Equipment